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(A) LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT (LEIU) -- The LEIU, which was formed for the most part in the Far West and particularly in California, has over the years through additions to its membership included representatives from law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The members of this organization exchange data on hoodlums, gangsters and organized crime.

Recently, a Xerox of a Bureau investigative report captioned "LA COSA NOSTRA, ANTIRACKETEERING - CONSPIRACY," dated 7/16/65, at New York and disseminated to all field offices, was found in the possession of Captain Harold Yarnell, Secretary-Treasurer of the LEIU. Yarnell was and still is in charge of the Criminal Intelligence Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. This report contained detailed information on the membership of La Cosa Nostra At the time this discovery was made, Yarnell was most uncooperative with the Los Angeles Office and subsequently made critical statements concerning the report and the Bureau. It was determined that Lieutenant Jack Revill, Assistant Eastern Zone Chairman of the LEIU and member of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, had surreptitiously obtained a copy of this report from which he made copies and forwarded one to Yarnell.

All investigative personnel must be alert for any similar dissemination of this report or any other Bureau reports or correspondence. In view of the unscrupulous actions and critical comments of Yarnell and the atrocious activities of Revill, all offices must be most circumspect and discreet in all dealings with members of LEIU.

Each Special Agent in Charge must completely familiarize himself with this organization. Previous SAC Letters have furnished background information about LEIU. You must keep the Bureau completely advised of developments concerning the activities of this organization that would be against the best interests of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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